Setting up of Sugar Mills

515. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of sugar mills proposed to be set up in the co-operative sector during the next five years; and

(b) the number of such mills likely to be set up in Punjab ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The Central Government does not propose areas of States for setting-up of sugar mills. The applications for grant of licences for setting up of sugar mills submitted by entrepreneurs through the State Governments with their recommendations are considered subject to favourable agroclimatic conditions, techno-economic feasibility and policy guidelines.

Financial Assistance for Teesta Barrage Project of West Bengal

516. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of West Bengal has requested the Central Government to allocate financial assistance to speed up work relating to the 425 Crore Teesta Barrage Project in North Bengal ; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Irrigation projects are funded and implemented by the State Governments. Central assistance to the States is given in the form of block loan/grant and is not tied to any sector of development or individual project. It has been suggested to the State Government to review the inter-sectoral allocation to accommodate higher outlay for Teesta Barrage Prjoect.

Shifting of the central Jute research Institute

517. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to shift the Central Jute Research Institute from Barrackpore, to some other place outside West Bengal ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Ex-Gratia Payments in Lieu of Bonus in Mother Dairy, Delhi

518. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that public sector undertakings under his Ministry have been instructed not to give any ex-gratia payments in lieu of bonus : and

(b) if so, whether the Mother Dairy, Delhi has defied these clear guidelines in October, 1986 ?